

Tims Ford State Park Management Plan Frequently Asked Questions

What does this plan do?

The Tims Ford State Park Management Plan is meant to serve as a guide to decision-making for the state park's management, growth and/or development. The draft plan's major sections are Status Report (G), Significant Issues (H), and Strategies (I). The Status Report section provides an update on the current status of Tims Ford State Park by assessing the park's natural and cultural resources, recreation and interpretive facilities and programs, operations and management, etc. The Significant Issues section lists issues that were identified that impact the operation and management of Tims Ford State Park. The final section, Strategies, identifies specific strategies for improving operation and management of Tims Ford State Park.

Who put it together?

The Tims Ford State Park Management Plan was developed by the TDEC Office of Strategic Planning in conjunction with Tims Ford State Park staff.

Why are you doing this plan?

The Tims Ford State Park Management Plan provides a snapshot of the park in the present and a vision for the future. It evolves directly from and is supportive of the Master Plan for Tennessee State Parks, the TDEC 4-Year Strategic Plan and the Statewide Strategic Plan.

How is it different from the State Parks Master Plan?

The Tims Ford State Park Management Plan provides a greater level of detail than the Master Plan and relates specifically to the issues that face Tims Ford State Park.

How does the Tims Ford State Park Management Plan tie in with the Tims Ford Land Management and Disposition Plan?

The Tims Ford Reservoir Land Management and Disposition Plan (June 2000) assigned significant additional lands and recreation resources to Tims Ford State Park. The Tims Ford State Park Management Plan acknowledges that these additional lands and recreation resources are part of the state park management responsibilities.

What are the most significant issues facing Tims Ford State Park?

All of the issues are important for different reasons to different people. Perhaps the most significant issue relates to the availability of funding to accomplish the strategies recommended. Another high area of concern is how Tennessee Elk River Resource Management (TERRM), operations and resources will be integrated into the Tims Ford State Park management, operations and resources.

What are your recommendations to address these issues?

The top recommendation is to develop personnel staffing upgrades and needed positions in order to carry out expanded responsibilities in implementing the Tims Ford Reservoir Land Management and Disposition Plan as it impacts the park.

What about the other parks? What is the timeline to have a management plan for them?

State Park Management Plan development is currently underway for Natchez Trace, Cordell Hull and Cumberland Trail and will be completed next year. The goal of the Office of Strategic Planning is to complete Park Management Plans for all state parks.

How does this plan fit into the overall state parks budget?

One of the goals of this plan is to guide budgetary decision-making. Lack of funding could restrict the completion of necessary projects recommended for this park and could affect the proposed timelines for some strategies.

How can you plan to make additions to this park while other parks are closing?

The recommendations of this plan are independent of any decisions relating to park closure or alternative management. These are suggested, "ideal" scenarios that are required to provide the best service to park visitors at Tims Ford State Park.

What type of input do you need from me?

Please review the Tims Ford State Park Management Plan and if you wish you may send your questions to:

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